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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Born, July 7, to the wife of Gilbert Terry, a son.

Born, July 6, to the wife of Fred Worms, a daughter.

Born, July 5, at Oregon City Hospital, a son to the wife of Hal Randa. Carl Schmeiser and son, Max, of Central Point, were in this city Tuesday.

L. E. Barrett, a student of Stanford University, is registered at the Electric Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy, of Carus, were among the Oregon City visitors Tuesday.

C. E. Spence, who is master of the state grange, is very ill at his home at Beaver Creek.

Jacob Grossmuller and wife and their daughter, of Shubel, were among the Oregon City visitors Tuesday.

Otis Engle, one of the prominent residents of Molalla, was in this city Saturday and Sunday, registering at the Electric Hotel.

Mrs. Minnie Inskip and little granddaughter left Friday for New Era, where they will camp during the Spiritualist camping.

Frank Anderson, a well known young farmer, of Eldorado, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. John Anderson, were in this city Monday.

Mr. Spence, father of C. E. Spence, of Beaver Creek, who recently arrived from the East, and who is at present making his home with his son at Beaver Creek, was in this city Friday.

W. H. Blair, of Canby, one of the prominent business men of that city, was in this city on business Monday. Mr. Blair is a member of the B. P. O. E. of Oregon City, and will attend the convention held in Portland this week.

Charles Holman, of Portland, who has been at Meadowbrook, where he has been visiting his son and family returned to his home Friday morning and was accompanied by his son and family, who will visit in Portland during the coming week.

Mrs. L. Stevens, of Powell River, B. C., has arrived in Oregon City and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douthett, and Mr. Stevens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stevens, of Maple Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens formerly resided in this city before making their home in Powell River.

Edwin F. Driggs, of New York, is in Portland visiting his mother, Mrs. E. F. Driggs, who recently moved from this city to Portland. Mr. Driggs and family will remain in Portland for three months. Mr. Driggs is a former Oregon City boy, and is now a leading attorney of New York.

Mrs. Joseph Goodfellow and little daughter, of Bend, Oregon, have returned to Oregon City from Eugene, where they have been visiting relatives. Mr. Goodfellow will arrive here within a few weeks and will visit his mother, Mrs. Robert J. Goodfellow, and will accompany his family home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Way, who have been residing at Lawton Heights for the past twelve years, have sold their eight-acre place and will move to California. They have lived in Clackamas County for the past twenty-five years. Their farm was sold to Mr. Anderson, who recently arrived from the East.

C. G. Huntley, who with his wife and daughter, are sojourning at Cannon Beach, Oregon, returned to Oregon City Tuesday to remain during the week and to attend the Elks' convention in Portland. Mrs. Huntley and daughter are still at Cannon Beach, and Mr. Huntley will return to that resort next week. At the present time many campers are coming in at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Steinko and young son have arrived in this city from Douglas County, and will make their future home in Clackamas County. They have just sold their homestead of 160 acres in Douglas County, and have purchased the 20-acre farm from Grace Deegan. They also have purchased the stock and farming implements. Mr. Steinko is much impressed with Clackamas County. He has engaged in farming heretofore.

## SIX TEACHERS ARE ELECTED BY BOARD

Six new teachers have been elected by the Board of Education of the Oregon City Public Schools. There are three vacancies in the grades still to be filled, and the teachers for these positions will be named at the regular meeting next Monday night.

Miss Gertrude Holmes has been elected teacher of German in the high school. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon, with more than two years' teaching experience and was instructor in the Gresham high school last year.

E. Earl Felke was chosen instructor in the sciences in the high school. He holds B. S. and L. B. degrees from Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., and was a member of the Drake football and track teams three years.

Miss Myrtle Hunstock has been elected instructor in the Commercial Department in the high school. She lives at Baker City. Miss Maude Curtis has been employed to teach music in the city schools three days each week, and Miss Mildred Burley will be the new instructor in drawing. Miss Anna Wohrer has been elected primary teacher. Her home is in Cottage Grove and she has had 78 months' experience.

## MISS BOLLINGER IS APPOINTED TEACHER

Miss Helen Bollinger, daughter of E. S. Bollinger, pastor of the Highland Congregational church in Portland, was elected a grade teacher by the Board of School Directors Monday evening. She is a graduate of Pacific University and has taught in the city schools at least, later when things loosen up a little we would be pleased to take it up again, however, this is only a suggestion and if you desire the investigation to go on we will do so, but owing to the fact that the case came to us through the parties that it did I want to see that you get the very best service and that you don't throw any money away.

There is a little poker game played over the saloon on Fourth and Main streets but it is seldom operated only on Saturday nights and then it is impossible for a stranger to get in. In this place can be cinched by raiding the rooms, but that does not give the desired information in that case, in regard to the sporting women, we can't find any in the city. The night men are staying on their beats the usual time.

In case you wish this investigation dropped for the present kindly favor us with a draft covering the enclosed bill, should you want us to go ahead let us know at once.

Very respectfully solicit any future business you may have in this line.

Very truly yours,  
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## MILWAUKIE SCHOOL SUIT IS DISMISSED

The injunction suit of Carl B. Hanson against the Board of Directors of the Milwaukie school was dismissed by Circuit Judge Campbell Monday. Hanson was granted a temporary order several weeks ago restraining the directors from purchasing a certain piece of ground upon which to erect a school house. They also were restrained from selling \$20,000 bonds with which to purchase a site and erect a building. Subsequently, however, the voters at a meeting decided upon a site, which ends the litigation. Brownell & Stone represented the plaintiff.

## MILWAUKIE TO VOTE ON WATER BOND ISSUE

The Milwaukie Council has called a special election for August 23 to vote on the question of issuing water bonds to the amount of \$40,000 and also to amend the charter so the city will have the power to open a street by condemnation proceedings. The purpose of the bonds is to obtain either Bull Run water by laying a main to the Mount Tabor reservoirs, or by taking water from Minthorn Springs, the former being preferred. The proposition also includes the possible purchase of the present Milwaukie Water Works Company's plants and installation of municipal pipes and pumping station.

## CITY MADE 'SPOTLESS TOWN' FOR ANTLERS

The downtown streets, intersecting Main street were thoroughly cleaned last week by four prisoners sentenced to serve terms in the city jail. E. L. Shaw has put the men to work daily on the streets. As a result Oregon City will be a "City Beautiful" during the great reunion of the antlered herd.

Old Ulcers Are unsightly and dangerous. Dr. Bell's Antiseptic Salve will heal them promptly. It is clean and pleasant to use. 25c a box. Sold by Harding's Drug Store.

## DETECTIVE PROBES CRIME IN CITY

COUNCIL, HEARING VARIOUS REPORTS, HAS INVESTIGATION MADE

## POKER GAME AT SALOON SCENTED

Sleuth Declares Policemen Informed Him They Were "On Job" Because Council Was Active

After repeated representations over alleged unsavory conditions in Oregon City had been reported to various councilmen and the committee on health and police of the city council, they went quietly to work about a month ago and obtained the services of a Portland detective agency which has made a report to the committee. The sole purpose of the health and police committee was to arrive at the truth of the reports, and the members of the committee believed more could be accomplished by a stranger than by a member of the local force. The committee let no one into the secret of the investigation, not even Chief of Police Shaw, and they feel that the result has justified their course.

Recent reports to the effect that this was done for the sole purpose of placing a watch on the night police force are emphatically denied by a majority of the members of the city council, and as proof that this is true the following report to a member of the committee is sufficient:

I have called to see you personally and at both times you were out and to-day I was informed that you were in Portland, therefore I am communicating with you by mail.

## MAN ACCUSED OF FORGERY IS JAILED

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## 1 HUSBAND AND 3 WIVES WIN DECREES

Circuit Judge Campbell has granted divorce decrees in the following cases:

Annie P. Sater against Louis Sater, Dorothy H. White against George L. White; Elsie E. Hart against Patrick Hart, the plaintiff's maiden name Elsie E. Matthews, being restored and Fred E. Rollins against Helen A. Rollins.

Anna R. Baker seeks a divorce from Frederick C. Baker, alleging cruelty and abandonment. They were married in Dorchester, Mass., December 27, 1910. Plaintiff alleges that the defendant struck her while they lived at 15 North Tenth Street, Portland, February 20, 1912. Edna P. Smith seeks a decree from Goldwin T. Smith. They were married in Astoria, November 14, 1908. The plaintiff asks \$3 a week for the support of their child.

## WIFE SEEKS DECREE, ALLEGING CRUELTY

Alleging that her husband has been cross to her and has frequently struck her, Myrtle M. Elliott Saturday filed suit for a divorce from Jesse A. Elliott. They were married in Oregon City May 7, 1905 and have two children. The plaintiff avers that her husband kicked her in June 1911. She asks \$15 a month alimony and the custody of their youngest child. Daniel S. Ayres seeks a divorce from Cecelia Frances Ayres. They were married in New York City January 8, 1902. The plaintiff says his wife deserted him.

The decree of divorce granted Maggie L. Rust from Ramo Rust January 5, 1912 was set aside by Circuit Judge Campbell Saturday. It was charged that the decree was obtained through fraudulent representations.

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## RURAL MAIL CARRIER GETS LICENSE TO WED

Licenses to marry were issued Tuesday to Laura A. Hyton and Frank Hendricks and Elizabeth Adeline Smith and Albert Fromong. Mr. Hendricks is a rural mail carrier.

## DEMOCRATIC MULE PLAYS HIGH JINKS

A Democratic mule raised high jinks at the courthouse Friday, and it is freely predicted that Governor Wilson will not get the usual Democratic vote in this city. As a result of the animal's escapade the handsome tree in the courthouse yard, planted when the building was erected, was destroyed, and many of the county officials are angry. The mule, which belonged to a contractor, became frightened while being driven through the grounds, and the driver was unable to hold it. It ran at full speed into the tree, uprooting it. The animal was not hurt.

## HEART TO HEART TALKS

By EDWIN A. NYE

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

Oscar Hammerstein, London: I have quarreled with Alphonse, the cat is dead, and the stove has gone out.

SUZANNA DUMESNIL.

Behind the cablegram printed above in the story told by a theatrical writer—a typical story of human life.

Every year Oscar Hammerstein used to go to Europe, looking for song birds for his opera.

In Paris he heard Suzanna Dumesnil, a famous French soprano, and said to her, "I want you." In addition to buying her release from her manager he offered a big salary.

Shrugging her shoulders, Dumesnil said:

"Leave me so dear Paris? Nevalre! Why should I leave my Alphonse, who loves me; my cat, that I adore, and my good, warm little stove?"

Why indeed?

There are other things in life aside from dollars. And Dumesnil knew that very well.

And yet—

Six months later the soprano was awaying audiences in grand opera, London. And the discriminating said they could detect in the wonderful voice a new undertone of sadness.

Ah, me!

Alphonse had proved false, and the cat was dead, and the little stove was cold.

What was it somebody said when he first heard Jenny Lind? "Break her heart and she will sing divinely." Well, and somebody did break her heart.

It is the way of the world—The way of disillusion.

When Alphonse was true and the cat purrs on the hearth and the fire in the little stove burns brightly, then does life ahead look like a radiant morning. But—

Comes a day when the fire is but ashes, and there is no sweetheart true, and the poor cat is dead. The mirage has risen. The rivers of joy have lost their runnels in life's desert places. Well, well!

It may be that some sweet day Jules will fill the heart that Alphonse left empty, and another kitty will sing, and the fire in the little stove will flame up again!

## W. C. JOHNSON DIES OF HEART FAILURE

William Carey Johnson a pioneer of Oregon, died Friday night of heart disease at his home in Portland. He was seventy-eight years old. For half a century he was prominent in the legal profession, with offices in Oregon City. Later he moved to Portland and was associated for some time with C. M. Idleman, attorney of that city. Several years ago he retired from active business affairs, but had always taken a lively interest in the work of the courts and was a familiar figure about the corridors and courtrooms of the Multnomah Courthouse, almost to the day of his death.

The deceased was of English parentage and came to Oregon from Ohio in 1849. In his early years he engaged in journalism and was connected with several newspapers. He then turned his attention to the law and was engaged in much of the important litigation of his time. He also was one of the prominent figures in the Legislature in the early days. He is survived by his widow and four sons as follows: K. D. Johnson, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company in San Francisco; Nello Johnson, manager of a cannery at Astoria; Merle Johnson, cartoonist for the New York Journal, and Ronald Johnson, First Lieutenant of U. S. Cavalry, at present stationed in Texas.

Rev. S. P. Davis, of this city, for many years a friend of Mr. Johnson, will conduct the funeral services which will be held Monday at Finley's Undertaking establishment in Portland.

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BUSINESS FORM OF GOVERNMENT BEATEN BY 343 TO 65

## ELEVATOR AND DOCK IN WRECK

Ordinance To Provide Modern Fire Alarm System Is Approved, 249 To 155

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## MAN RECENTLY HERE COMMITS SUICIDE

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## BIGGER'S BROTHER PLANS IRISH FLAG

DESIGN OF ORDRIGH PATRIOT MAY BE ACCEPTED BY COUNTRY

## EMBLEM CHANGED MANY TIMES

Home Rule Thought Near And Erin Offers Prize For 'Best Design For National Country'

As the passage of the Irish Home Rule bill in the near future is an assured fact the matter of a national flag is becoming an earnest discussion throughout the Emerald Isle. The present accepted Irish flag, the golden harp on a green ground, never was the national banner.

A prize has been offered for the best design for a new national Irish flag, and Hon. Francis Joseph Bigger of Ordrigh, County Atrim, has submitted a design that covers most of the ground required. The flag is square, with the old Gaelic harp upon a shield on a rich dark green ground.

Mr. Bigger, the designer of the proposed Irish flag, is a brother of Henry J. Bigger, a well known and highly respected resident of this city, and an ardent Irish patriot.

Before the advent of Christianity, and its adoption by the Irish nation, the national emblem, probably under Druidic influence was a brazen serpent entwined around a spear, with an oak tree towering above, all on a red ground. The kingdom of Ireland had been divided, Ulster, Munster, Connaught, Meath and Leinster, each ruled by a king, and all five kingdoms united under an arch-king.

The flag of Ulster, was a red band on a white ground, the crest of the O'Neill's and all clans that spring from that family. That of Munster, three golden crowns upon a blue ground, the crest of the O'Briens and their clans. The flag of Connaught was a tri-color of green, white and orange, in three broad perpendicular stripes, the colors of the O'Connors and their branches. The flag of Meath was a "Cross of St. Patrick" and a king's crown on a silver ground and that of Leinster, the golden harp on a green ground, the present emblem used as the Irish flag.

The national ensign, which floated over palaces, towers and castles, in Tara, the capital of Ireland, and the seat of the arch-king was a golden sunburst on a deep blue field.

The "Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood," the military rank of the "United Irishmen" who attempted to establish an Irish Republic in 1798, and later in 1848, adopted the tri-color of three horizontal bands of green, white and orange and this was later adopted by the Fenian Brotherhood.

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## BODY IDENTIFIED AS L. P. WILLIAMS

The body of the man found in the river Friday at South Bend, Wash., has been positively identified as that of L. P. Williams, who disappeared from his home on Division street about two weeks ago. Prosecuting Attorney Wright of South Bend, who wired Chief of Police Shaw of the finding of the body Saturday, Monday called upon James Myers, of Portland a brother-in-law of Williams and gave a description of the man found in the river. It was identical with that of the missing man, the clothing, teeth, shoes, etc., corresponding exactly. The body has been buried but Mr. Myers will go to South Bend today and have it brought to this city.

The day following his mysterious disappearance Mr. Williams wrote to his wife informing her if she would look in a certain drawer she would find a letter explaining his action. The letter was found and in it Mr. Williams said he intended killing himself. He had been ill for several months. Mr. Williams conducted a dairy in this city. He formerly was a railroad engineer.

## ROBERTS COOL WHEN SENTENCED TO DIE

PORTLAND, July 6, (Special).—"It is ordered and adjudged by the court that you, H. E. Roberts, convicted of murder in the first degree, be remanded to the custody of the sheriff of Multnomah County; that he deliver you within 20 days from this date to the superintendent of the penitentiary of the state of Oregon; that upon such delivery you be confined within the walls of the said penitentiary until the date of execution, and that there, in the said penitentiary of the state of Oregon, on Friday, the 23d day of August, 1912, in the manner provided by law, you be hanged by the neck until dead."

"Ami made the Father of us all, in His infinite goodness have mercy on your soul."

"Jack" Roberts was sentenced today for shooting Donald M. Stewart and George Hastings, on the White House road March 29, while attempting to hold up an automobile party. He was brought into court from the County Jail by Deputy Sheriffs Leonard and Phillips and maintained his usual bravado manner throughout the proceedings.

When called before the bench for sentence, the judge put the usual question:

"Roberts, have you objections to make why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced at this time?"

"I don't know what you call objections, but I want to tell you that three witnesses told damn lies at the trial."

"That is hardly a legal objection," answered the judge.

"I'm ready then, to get hung," responded the condemned man.

After the sentence had been pronounced Roberts had a brief conversation with Attorney Hurst, who was associated with Attorneys McAllister and Whitfield in the defense.

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## CANBY MAN SAYS PROPERTY IS DAMAGED

Alleging that his property has been greatly damaged by the cutting of a street through it the defendant Monday in the suit of the city of Canby against Wallace R. Telford filed an appeal to the circuit court. Mr. Telford through his attorneys, Cross & Hammond, alleges that an acre he owns in Canby has been cut in two by U. and Fanby streets, which are 80 feet wide and that the city council has allowed him only \$40 damages. He avers that he has been damaged in a much larger sum. He says that on one side of the street his land is only 30 feet wide and on another side only 50 feet wide.

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